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Putting One Over

"Bolshevism cannot be crushed by force of arms. We failed to restore Russia to sanity by force. I believe we can save her by trade." Thus spoke Lloyd George in the House of Commons on Feb. 10th. In explanation, it may be said the Premier has received considerable opposition from the pro-militarists on his bid to open trade relations with Soviet Russia. To justify his stand he makes the claim that where military force failed the soothing hand of trade will win. He is acting on the theory that since Bolshevism has arisen from oppression and starvation, that it will pass away with the filling of stomachs, and a period of plenty. Also, it seems that it is not Russia alone which the Premier has in mind. Here is his statement regarding conditions in England.

"The dangers are not all in Russia; they are here at home. I speak with knowledge, with apprehension and responsibility, and I warn the house that in the face of things which may happen we must use every legitimate weapon. We must fight anarchy with abundance."

We can't quite fathom the little Welshman. It looks to us like he was putting one over on the anti-Bolsheviks. He has been noted for lighting change of attitudes and this seems to be another to his record. We doubt if he really believes that Bolshevism will die a natural death when given a chance for its life. He may be merely appeasing the wrath of the opposition in order to put across his trade plans.

It is true that Russia has been cemented together as never before by the military actions of foes from without, and by the common needs of the people. But to assume that the principles for which they have suffered every variety of torture will be cast aside in a period of better conditions is to read human nature wrongly. If Lloyd George is serious in this matter, then he fails to sense the principle underlying all the suffering which Russia has undergone.

The Soviets have been offering peace to the allies for two years. They have yearned for an opportunity to develop their plan of social economics unhampered. But in order to gain these ends they had to organize an army of 3,000,000 men under extremely trying conditions. Now they have won. Is it likely that the principles for which they have suffered and died will now be cast aside when the opportunity for putting them in practice presents itself?

Conserving American Ideals.

As an instance of the perversion of the childhood of the nation for the purposes of its own future enslavement, nothing more calculated to accomplish it has come to our attention than a copy of a song which is being sung by the pupils of Bryant High school of Long Island City.

The song is purported to have been written by a returned hero by the name of Geoffrey Hara, who recently recited it before the school and later with the assistance of the music director, set it to music, it is now numbered among the school's song numbers.

The first verse and chorus of this piece of drivel are as follows.

"GET UP AND GET OUT."

Don't you think some people in our land
Have talked enough?
Don't you think the time has come to call
Your little bluff?
Ask them what's the matter, make them
Can the chatter.
Then proceed to make the party rough.
Tell them they're a menace to our land.
Tell them in a way they'll understand.

CHORUS.

Get up and get out
If you have any doubt
About this U. S. A.
If you don't like it here
Why the ocean is clear:
There's a boat sailing home every day.
There is only one flag.
Not a dirty red rag.
The flag that will never fall.
Lay your life down for that,
If you won't, here's your hat:
Just get up and get out, that's all.

We desire to call attention to the large degree of tolerance expressed in the first line. In a country whose fundamental law is supposed to be the free utterance of opinion, it is going pretty far to express the antithesis of this principle in a school song. It naturally follows that the intolerance expressed in the first line should be followed by the appeal to direct action and violence which the rest of the verse makes.

EDITORIAL & PARTY NEWS PAGE.

SPARKS.

Among many literature orders this past week, we note a very substantial one from the Alaska Labor Union No. 11. Boys up there seem to be spending the winter very profitably to themselves judging by the literature orders they have sent us the past few months.

N. M. orders \$5.00 worth of sub cards and writes, "send me the book about 'that Lenin person'. We might add that the book about that same person is leaving the State Office at the rate of 25 or more copies each week. Rest assured someone is going to learn something about him."

Some contributors to the Baker defense this week are: M. L. Koller, \$1.00; Wm. Valenta, Grand Rapids, \$5.00; Henry Miller Ironton, O., \$1.25; Chas. Lange, Mantua, O.

Comrade Geo. Williford of Hamilton O. shows how to make a sub list grow. With his renewal he sends 4 half yearlies. With that he requests some sub blanks so he can go after them right. Some action!

Arno Bufe of Moline sends us a listful of yearlies. The magic number 5 is still working we observe.

Two new sub hustlers at Toledo are J. P. Chapman and L. A. Rosper. Both have started with an investment of \$5.00 worth of cards. Most of them are now in and we suppose this has whetted their appetites for more. We have observed the fatal effects of successful sub hustling upon many comrades. It usually makes them see "red".

Just the same, we believe that work in this Movement puts more color in a worker's life than worrying about the profits the boss makes off his labor. Action is what counts.

Comrade H. F. Fox of Atwater brings two across the line this week.

If this week's cartoon arouses your ire just let your feelings be translated into cash and forward to the Cartoon Department. There are more illustrations to come from

The Bullitt Report continues to be the top seller on the literature shelves, but this past week has seen an invasion of the classics which we advertise. A lot of workers are digging up the fundamentals of the Socialist philosophy these days. And that's a mighty good sign.

We are in receipt of leaflets and sample of letter which Local Fremont has mailed to workers in that city. Such circularization as this aids the growth of confidence and knowledge of the Movement. Other Locals could very profitably follow this example.

Comrade Pete Barton of Shadyside, renews and remits a dollar for another worker.

He got revenge, did comrade Wm. True of Springfield O. He states in a letter to us that he got very angry because in a previous issue we gave his address as Dayton instead of Springfield, and searching for a means of revenge decided nothing would give as much satisfaction as to send us some more subs. And he did — two of them. And the apology we make is — get some more revenge.

Local Sandusky has placed the names of 50 new readers upon the Toiler list. These workers will receive The Toiler gratis for a while and will then be invited to subscribe on their own account. Other Locals take notice — follow this example.

But if the words and the sentiment they express are offensive to the principles which the human race have for thousands of years been struggling to establish, and which have been the beacon lights of all progress, no less offensive is the attempt to render them into a song. The greatest musical genius who ever lived could not make a song fit to pass the lips of children out of such trash. And as for the elegant English embodied in it — possibly it corresponds favorably with that which is taught nowadays. If teachings such as this pervert the principles of human liberty, they will also degrade music and grammar.

One would be very foolish to seek in our public schools any remnant of the teachings which make for the continuation of those principles in the Constitution which guarantee to the people an expression of their opinions. The verities of capitalism reach into ever school-room in the nation and those things which do not make for the continuation of capitalism are prohibited there, whether they be a teaching of the principles of free and popular government or any thing else. Capitalism is seeking to create in the public school system an unfeeling army of future slaves. Such songs as the above help to prepare the children's minds to tolerate the chains which are being forged for them.

Comrade Christ Rios of Niles O. remits \$5.00 for defense and organization work.

Coming — watch for these: Four new ten cent pamphlets will be advertised in these pages very soon. They are: "The Structure of Soviet Russia, Political and Economic", by Wilfred Humphries; "Open Shop", by Clarence Darrow; "The Right to Strike", by Mary Marney; and "Two Minute Talks", by Elmer T. Allison. Each will be worthy a wide distribution and the price is right.

Comrade John Foelster of Davenport, mails \$5.00 worth of subscriptions this week.

Comrade Fosse Evans, the champion subscription hustler, remits another \$5.00 for subs. this week and \$2.00 for literature. He writes, "some more subs. next pay day". And we know they will come too.

Fifty Mr. Blocks go forward to Elmer's Greathouse of Aki

A generous remittance of \$5.00 arrived this week from comrade M. Gillin of Davenport. This sum is for general Party work.

Comrade W. E. Reynolds of Muskegon, remits \$10.00 for subscriptions and for the Cartoon Department. All of which compels us to remark that if the Toiler cartoons look good to the readers of Muskegon, they ought to be worth your buying. How about it, brother?

Thirty Trial of Debs are ordered by comrade J. Conington of Dover, O. We assume that some folks who ought to know are going to learn something about the Debs case.

We note that Robert Butts of Toledo is in the field after Toiler subs. again. He's putting the town of Sylvania on the map.

Another hurry order for literature arrives from Comanche, Tex. It's our old comrade, T. E. Pennington, who is doing this tall hustling.

Debs photos, the're worth twice as much, not only because they are a wonderful likeness of Debs, but also on account of excellent materials used. Order one at once, 25c each. They're 12x18 in size.

Tom Lewis' date in Akron was postponed until the 20th. He spoke at Cincinnati Sunday the 15th.

Local Guernsey Co. has a series of meetings scheduled for the immediate future.

A nice order for literature was filed a few days ago for both Locals Toledo and Cincinnati.

Clarence E. Hoover of Toledo sends in 4 new subs. No hooverizing here.

From Wyatt, W. Va., comes a healthy list of five yearlies. M. A. Teti is the guilty party.

NEWS OF THE LABOR STRUGGLE

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petition of a strike which occurred six months ago, the characteristic of which was passive resistance. It was only when British troops fired upon the meetings, killing and wounding large numbers, that any disturbances occurred.

THE BLACK SHEEP.

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The Boston Tea Party

The Boston Tea Party in 1773 was one of the most successful examples of direct action in all history. A half hundred American Revolutionists dumped \$100,000 worth of British tea into Boston Harbor in order to prevent mad King George III. from collecting an unjust tax upon it. The destruction of the tea was not legal. In fact it was in direct violation of the laws protecting property. Yet it is generally agreed today that the revolutionists were justified in thus guarding their right of self-taxation, even tho they did trespass a bit on the technical process of law and order. Revolutionists who ignored the law in order to defend their rights and preserve American liberties are now landed in history as immortal heroes, and acclaimed by a grateful posterity as matchless patriots. Poets and story tellers vie with each other in singling the praises of these determined men who, in a great cause, took the law into their own hands, destroyed the tea, and saved the Revolution.

The trouble started in this way. King George the Third was, like the master class everywhere, possessed of an overbearing "Will to Rule". He wished to rule with an iron hand. But the American Colonists had always enjoyed local autonomy. They had their own legislatures and raised their own taxes. They denied the right of England to tax them. "No taxation without representation" was the cry that appealed to every American.

The first tax that caused much resistance was the Stamp Tax in 1765 on deeds, wills and other legal documents. When some of the stamps arrived in New York the revolutionary leaders seized them and made a public bonfire of them. King George got no revenue from those stamps.

When the British ministry, which at this time had become conciliatory, learned the strength of the feeling in America against foreign taxation, they had the Stamp Tax repealed. But King George soon insisted that another tax be levied. He would show his subjects in America who was master. So a "Revenue Act" was passed placing a tax on paints, paper, tea and other articles. The Colonists refused to touch any of the taxed merchandise. They went without tea, paper and paint, and King George got no tax.

This successful resistance to this authority put the King in a hot temper. He now resorted to a cure to trick the Americans into paying him a tax. The revenue Act was repealed, the tax on tea only being retained. A bargain was made with the East India Company allowing it rebates so that it could send tea to America which could be sold for less than if it paid no tax. But this trick, which became known to the Americans, seemed to them an insult, and they became more determined than ever that the tax should not be paid. In Boston, however, several loyalists, to whom the tea had been consigned, were ready to take the tea and pay the tax when it was landed. If that occurred the principle of "no taxation without representation" would be defeated. King George would get his tax. A committee of Boston citizens first tried every legal means to prevent the landing of the tea. But the Governor, appointed by the King in those days refused a pass to allow the tea ships to return to England without unloading. For 20 days Boston and the whole country around was on edge for fear the tax would be paid. On the next day the tea would surely be landed. A few of the revolutionary leaders held a consultation and it was decided that nothing but direct action could now save the people of Massachusetts from this invasion of their rights. A score or two of determined patriots disguised themselves in Indian attire and secured tomahawks. They proceeded to the wharf, backed by a mass of citizens, boarded the ships, broke open the 350 chests and poured the tea into the waters of Boston Harbor. Some of the tea was landed by the wind and waves on the beach at Dorchester; but King George never got his tax on that tea.

Not only had the principle "no taxation without representation" been saved, but of far more consequence was the enthusiasm which the Tea Party aroused throughout all the Colonies from New Hampshire to Georgia. Up till then many had said "Ah, what's the use bucking against the government." But this act of the revolutionary leaders in thwarting the tyrannical acts of their government was an inspiration to every liberty loving American. They thrilled with pride for these heroes who had put their lives in the balance to save American ideals of freedom. A new determination to resist government

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WAR ON IGNORANCE!

We have declared WAR ON IGNORANCE. Will you enlist in the ranks of the ENLIGHTENERS? We intend to establish in the State Office of the Communist Labor Party of Ohio a Book and Pamphlet Department second to none in the nation. We will handle only the best of the Revolutionary literature of the past and present. We will also publish new literature of our own. We have since Jan. 1st gotten one pamphlet off the press, another will be ready for sale in a few days. Others are contemplated.

The co-operation of all readers of THE TOILER and of all Locals and literature agents is earnestly hoped for. The demand for new and good revolutionary literature is greater than can be supplied. We want YOU to help us supply this demand of the workers for ENLIGHTENMENT. Every worker can sell pamphlets every week to shopmates and other workers. Every Local must carry a full line of the best there is.

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